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Margaret McCue - 5PA-W
Attn: Fields Brook Public Comment
U.S. EPA Region 5
230 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Ms. McCue:

I am in agreement with EPA's decision to recommend Alternative #4 rather than #1, 2, or 5.

My preference is Alternative #3.

According to you (EPA), you have not done extensive studies of the chemical contaminants of Field's Brook (ie: borings into greater depths of the brook's bed). These chemicals have been dumped for thirty-six years.

A member of a citizens' group stated that an independent scientist (professor) discovered several "monster chemicals" (ie: the mixing of these chemicals over the years had created new and unknown chemicals).

If you proceed with Alternative #4 and only thermally treat certain chemicals that you know to be a significant health risk (as of the 1980's limited knowledge) and place the other chemicals in a plastic-lined landfill, it is conceivable that years later as EPA gains more knowledge about the dangers of and the interactions of these various chemicals, you (EPA) may have created more problems and dangers. These chemicals could mix and create even more deadly forms and could eat through your plastic liners. What a catastrophe!

I know you tell us that research says it's safe, but they haven't lived long enough to see what might happen. Laboratory experiments don't convince me that what man (EPA/chemical industries) do in and to our environment can be justified. Small scale laboratory experiments in a controlled environment are not that same as doing it to the earth!

Therefore, since your knowledge is so limited, why take chances with lives and environment. We have already been subjected to more than enough. Thermally destroy all contaminants now!

Sincerely,

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Ms. Jacqueli Konter